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The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. Kumaraswami Reddiyar:—"The Government have no such proposal before them."

Mr. V. M. Ramaswami Mudaliyar:—"May I ask whether the Government have called for statistics from the various schools, both private and Government, as regards the changes in text-books and how often they have been changed during the last five years?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. Kumaraswami Reddiyar:—"That will be part of the examination which I said I am intending to make."

Hardship caused by the frequent change of text-books.

* 179 *Q.*—Mr. C. Basu Dev: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether representations have been received by the Government drawing their attention to the great hardship caused to the parents and guardians of school-going children by the frequent change of school text-books; and

(*b*) if so, what action they have taken so far and propose to take in the future?

A.—(*a*) No such representations have been received by the Government.

(*b*) Does not arise. A circular was, however, issued last year to presidents of district educational councils pointing out that the duty of selecting books for use in elementary schools rested entirely with the school authorities and that it was not one of the functions of district educational councils or their presidents to prescribe text-books.

Appointment of tabulators to tabulate the results of the S.S.L.C. and the T.S.L.C. examinations.

* 180 *Q.*—Mr. Basheer Ahmed Sayeed: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state—

(*a*) what the qualifications are for persons for being appointed as tabulators to tabulate the results of the S.S.L.C. and T.S.L.C. examinations;

(*b*) whether the tabulators for the examinations of 1932 were approved by the Director of Public Instruction;

(*c*) how many tabulators were appointed in that year and how many of them were Muhammadans;

(*d*) how many Muhammadans were appointed as tabulators during the immediately preceding five years;

(*e*) what the rates of remuneration allowed to these tabulators are;

(*f*) whether in 1932 and 1933 tabulation clerks were also employed and, if so, what the rates of remuneration paid to them were; and

(*g*) how long the tabulation lasted in each of the years?

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A.—(a) Tabulators are appointed from among Government servants employed in educational institutions which have vacations.

(b) As in previous years, the power to appoint tabulators was delegated to the Secretary.

(c) 81 7

(d) 1931 14
1930 11
1929 8
1928 8
1927 4

(e) Rupees 5 per day to each of the two chief tabulators.
Rupees $4\frac{1}{2}$ per day to each head tabulator of a section consisting of six tabulators.
Rupees 4 per day to each tabulator who is a graduate.
Rupees 3 per day to each tabulator who is not a graduate.

(f) Yes; a rupee and a half per day.

(g) 1933 ... ... 37 days.
1932 ... ... 32 "

Mr. BASHEER AHMED SAYEED:—" With reference to the answer to clause (b) of the question, may I know why this power has been delegated to the Secretary? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR:—" The Commissioner has power to delegate and he has done so."

Mr. BASHEER AHMED SAYEED:—" May I ask whether the Government or the Commissioner knows that this power having been delegated has been exercised to the detriment of the concerned interests? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR:—" Government have no reason to think that it is improperly exercised."

Mr. BASHEER AHMED SAYEED:—" Will they be pleased to call for a report as to how this power delegated by the Commissioner has been exercised? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR:—" Unless specific instances of its misuse are forthcoming, I do not think there is any need for making an enquiry."

Mr. V. M. RAMASWAMI MUDALIYAR:—" May I ask whether the Government are aware that a suit was filed against the Commissioner for the S.S.L.C. examination alleging that a mistake had been made by the tabulator in the tabulation of the marks? " 11–15 a.m.

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR:—" The suit was dismissed."

Mr. V. M. RAMASWAMI MUDALIYAR:—" May I know whether the Government inquired into the allegations that a mistake had crept in in the tabulation of marks? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR:—" On the notice of suit given by the plaintiff, the matter was enquired into and Government found that no mistake was made."